

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting
Monday, August 21, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Monday August 21, 2006. Mayor Canfield presided.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Wilson, White, Worley, Witt,
 ABSENT: Wright, McNaul

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda and consent agenda were approved by the Mayor as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, August 7, 2006 Regular Session.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve payment of the claims where funds are available. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Worley, Wilson. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/MEETING MINUTES:

- A. Finance Committee: August 7, 2006
- B. Planning Committee: August 7, 2006
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee: August 7, 2006
- D. Public Safety Committee: August 8, 2006
- E. Memorial Commission: August 15, 2006.
- F. Park Board: July 19, 2006 and August 16, 2006.
- G. Swimming Pool Inspection Report.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- A. Report from the Finance Committee
 - o Discuss TIF rebate agreement for Pulmoune Wildwood, Inc.

The TIF rebate agreement has a job creation requirement of six full-time jobs. Pulmoune Wildwood, Inc. had 10 employees at the time of the agreement and currently have 10 employees. They have some vacant positions and are planning to fill them.

The consensus of the committee was to hold the TIF money until they create six new full-time equivalent positions.

- o Discuss utility deposits for rental properties.

The consensus of the committee is that the deposits are working as they were intended and that no changes should be made at this time.

- o Update on local option sales tax initiative.

White stated that the city is still waiting for the county to make a decision on their ballot language. He stated that the different committees interested in passing the local option sales tax initiative needed to start thinking about how to educate the public on the mechanics and proposed uses for the tax.

- Discuss city manager performance evaluation and contract renewal.

White stated he is waiting for a couple of evaluations. He hopes to meet with Canfield by next week to review them.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

Approved by the committee as presented.

- Inquiries.

The county met to discuss the ethanol project this morning to present their best offer.

It was suggested that any naming suggestions for the new library be thoroughly discussed by the council to make sure that they are appropriate.

White commented that it has been suggested that the Stewart Library building be made into an art gallery and provide artwork for sale. It was suggested that they find a way to transfer "ownership" to the operating company so that the city does not incur the annual operating costs.

B. Report from the Planning Committee

- Discuss urban renewal area amendment and set public hearing (see resolution no. 3001).

Worley commented that TIF is a primary developmental tool for providing funding for the community. He stated that the council needs to name someone to represent the city in the consultation meeting and it was suggested that the city manager be the representative. Worley also stated that the council needed to set a date and time for the consultation with the other taxing entities and the public hearing.

Moved by WORLEY, second by WITT, to select the city manager, Russ Behrens, as the city representative at the urban renewal area amendment consultation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, Witt, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

Moved by WORLEY, second by WITT, to schedule the urban renewal area amendment consultation for Thursday, August 31, 2006, at 8:00 am. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, Witt, White, Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by WORLEY, second by WITT, to approve Resolution No. 3001: "A Resolution Setting Dates of a Consultation and Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Grinnell Urban Renewal Plan for the City of Grinnell, Iowa", and schedule the public hearing for Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, Witt, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

- Discuss CBD phase two preliminary plan review meeting.

Behrens commented that a meeting will be held September 13, 2006 at 5:30 pm with the downtown task force to reveal the final draft. An invitation will be sent to those on the email list for downtown communications.

- Discuss fringe area agreement.

Worley stated that this is the two mile area around the Grinnell city limits. The completed packets will be sent to the county supervisors and planning commission by the end of the week.

- Review parkland exchange site maps.

Ron Lowry has purchased the Van Wenchel property so there is a change in the land being exchanged. V & K is drawing up a new site map.

- Discuss dark sky lighting ordinance.

Worley stated that Neff has voiced concerns about different items in the ordinance. Neff and Behrens will continue to work on the draft.

Worley commented that the committee wants a good solid draft by their next meeting.

- Discuss library and family aquatic center projects.

Library - Paul Pohlson, 602 10th Ave., stated that he is the co-chair on the library project along with Julie Gosselink. He commented that the project is moving along well. The committee has received substantial donations already. They will officially start the fundraising campaign after Labor Day. The goal of the committee is to raise \$3.5 million for the project or approximately half of the entire cost. The committee hopes that future announcements will continue to generate interest in the project.

The committee presented a video that will be used to assist with fundraising. It will be given to residents and potential out-of-state donors.

Aquatic Center - Kelly Johnson-Rose, 1217 Penrose St., stated that the aquatic center committee has decided on a concept drawing. They will be working with it to adjust the cost to less than \$5 million. She stated that they are looking for a design that will attract all ages and swimming abilities.

C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee

- Consider request from Poweshiek Water Association to provide service at 130 410th Avenue-Bonnie Cowger.

Moved by WITT, second by WHITE, to approve the request from Poweshiek Water Association to provide service at 130 410th Avenue-Bonnie Cowger. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, White, Wilson, Worley. Motion carried.

- Consider Lang Creek Crossing Phase 2 construction change order.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY, to approve the Lang Creek Crossing Phase 2 construction change order for \$57,583.80. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, White, Wilson. Motion carried.

Behrens noted that the cost of the project is covered by Lang Creek Crossing and an IDOT RISE grant.

- Review request from Iowa Telecom to trench an underground cable in the city of Grinnell.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY, to approve the request from Iowa Telecom to trench an underground cable in the city of Grinnell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

- Set public hearing for Prairie Point Estates water and sewer construction project.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY, to set a public hearing for Prairie Point Estates water and sewer construction project for Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, White, Wilson. Motion carried.

Staff has a considerable amount of work to get the project ready for bids. Discussions need to be held in regard to the connection fees and how to finance the project.

- Review water account purchase agreement with Poweshiek Water Association for accounts in south Grinnell.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY, to approve the water account purchase agreement with Poweshiek Water Association for accounts in south Grinnell pending a revised estimate of the purchase price. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

- Discuss IDOT report on school crossing.

Behrens states that this item was referred to the Public Works & Grounds Committee from the Public Safety. The proposed cul-de-sac on Prairie Street south of Bailey Park and Bailey School is now at the design stage. Canfield questioned whether the property owners had been contacted. Behrens stated that the city was waiting for quotes for construction, signs, etc. before contacting the property owners.

- Review summary of the July 13, 2006 family aquatic center planning meeting.

This item was handled under the planning committee update.

- Update on parks plan.

The next meeting will be held September 6, 2006. The committee will meet with several community leaders. New equipment is being ordered for the Van Horn Park.

- Inquiries.

Neff stated that Manatts will be in town on Wednesday, August 23, 2006, to begin the sealcoating and patching. They will start pulverizing Summer Street from 11th Avenue north and Elm Street from 3rd Avenue south to the railroad tracks.

Grinnell College wants to meet on August 29, 2006, to discuss 8th Avenue.

D. Report from the Public Safety Committee

(Please Note: This meeting was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006.)

- Review traffic studies for Hwy 146 related to the proposed ethanol plant.

The committee was presented with a copy of the traffic study completed by WHKS & Co. of East Dubuque, Illinois on behalf of Big River Resources. The committee was also presented with a copy of the draft traffic study conducted by Veenstra and Kimm on behalf of Poweshiek County. Both studies address turning traffic in bound and out bound from the proposed facility. The committee had several questions related to the length of the turning lanes. The committee also expressed concern in regard to the traffic at Iowa Highway 146 and county road 420th Avenue; commonly known as the GMRC intersection. Behrens will ask Veenstra and Kimm to provide a site plan detailing their recommendations and inquire further about the possibility of improving the GMRC intersection.

- Inquiry

The Iowa DOT has suggested closing Prairie Street south of 8th Ave. for about a half a block. The plan is to build cul-de-sac where the street is closed. There will be time for public input.

E. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations

- Re-appointment of Gary Maring-Board of Adjustment.

This item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE ORDINANCES:

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve Ordinance No. 1274: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CREATING A STORM WATER UTILITY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL SETTING THE RATE FOR THE UTILITY, AND PROVIDING AN APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY THE COSTS OF THE UTILITY." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Wilson, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY to approve Ordinance No. 1275: "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1244 AMENDING THE "MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL IOWA BY ADDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-508 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS.)" Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, White, Wilson. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES: None.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER: None.

ADJOURN:

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to adjourn this regular session of the Grinnell City Council at 7:54 pm. Vote: (4) ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Gordon Canfield, Mayor

Annmarie Wingerter, Acting City Clerk